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Subj: VISIT BY CONGRESSMAN ROBERT J. WITTMAN, VIRGINIA'S FIRST
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 16-18 DECEMBER 2013

Encl: (1) Members of the Official Party
(2) Schedule of Events
(3) Points of Contact
(4) Rep. Wittman bio
(5) Full Visit Itinerary

1. Purpose. To announce and effect arrangements for subject visit as outlined in enclosures (1) through (5).

2. Scope. Congressman Robert J. Wittman, Virginia's First Congressional District, and his official party will visit the Hampton Roads area for tours and briefings 16 through 18 December. The overarching purpose of the visit is to gain exposure and give a better understanding of the current state of readiness, current impacts of sequestration on readiness, and projected future impacts of sequestration on readiness of naval forces, and how the Navy will best use resources if the bipartisan budget agreement crafted by Senator Patty Murray (D-Wash.) and Representative Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) is passed.

3. Flag Greeter. Admiral Bill Gortney will greet the Congressional Delegation for USFF portion of the Schedule of Events.

4. Action/Escort Officers. (b)(6) / (b)(6)
(b)(6) Congressional Matters Office, U. S. Fleet Forces
(Office) 757-836-0535/2633.

5. Uniform.

a. Military:

(1) E-7 and above: Uniform of the day

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- (2) E-6 and below: Uniform of the day
- (3) Escort: Navy Working Uniform

b. Civilian: Civilian Casual

6. Dietary/Health Concerns. No dietary restrictions.

7. Announcement. Not applicable.

8. Transportation. Rep. Wittman will arrive in his own POV and staff will arrive in rental van.

9. Lodging. Not applicable.

10. Action Items. The following action items are standard operating procedures for all official visits to USFF:

a. Watch Bill Coordinator. Not applicable.

b. Public Affairs. Ensure that a photographer is available throughout the visit, as appropriate.

c. Executive Dining Facility Leading Petty Officer (LPO). Ensure appropriate support provided for office call as outlined in Enclosure (2).

d. Command Duty Officer. Not applicable.

e. Protocol. Ensure appropriate support for office call and seating chart. Provide individual to greet the delegation (along with the Flag Greeter) at NH-46. ✓

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MEMBERS OF CODEL OFFICIAL PARTY

The Honorable Robert Wittman (R-VA); Member of House of Representatives

(b)(6) House Armed Services Committee (HASC) -
Readiness Majority Staff Director

(b)(6) HASC-Readiness Majority Professional Staff
Member (PSM)

(b)(6) HASC-Readiness Majority PSM

(b)(6) HASC-Readiness Majority Staff Assistant

(b)(6) Military Legislative Assistant for Rep. Wittman

(b)(6) Office Legislative Affairs Service

Escort

USFF PARTICIPANTS

ADM Bill Gortney, Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces

Mr. Mark Honecker, Executive Director, U.S. Fleet Forces

RADM Bradley Gehrke, Director, U.S. Fleet Forces Maritime
Headquarter

RADM Richard Berkey, Director, U.S. Fleet Forces Maintenance

RADM Brian LaRoche, Reserve Deputy Commander, Navy Surface Force
Atlantic (CNSL)

RDML Jeffery Harley, President, Board of Inspection and Survey
(INSURV)

Enclosure (1)

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTSMonday, 16 December 2013

****Full itinerary listed in Enclosure (5)****

1425 ADM Gortney and USFF photographer stationed at NH-46 Quarterdeck to await arrival of official party. (Representative Wittman will arrive in his own POV). U.S. Fleet Forces Escort will wait for him at the front gate. RADM Gehrke, RADM Berkey, and RDML Harley stationed inside Flag Deck Conference Room.

1430-1530 Office Call (Flag Deck Conference Room)
USFF Brief/Discussion (*Topic: readiness, the impacts on the Fleet from sequestration and fiscal environment.*)

1535 Office Call with RADM Brian LaRoche, Reserve Deputy CNSL (inside Flag Deck Conference Room).

1635 Office call with RADM LaRoche complete.

End USFF Program

Enclosure (2)

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POINTS OF CONTACT

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Enclosure (3)

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Representative Rob Wittman (R-Va.)
1st District, East - Fredericksburg, Williamsburg
Residence: Montross
Born: (b)(6) Washington, D.C.
Religion: Episcopalian
Family: Wife, Kathryn Wittman; two children

Education: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, B.S. 1981 (Biology); University of North Carolina, M.P.H. 1990 (Health Policy and Administration); Virginia Commonwealth University, Ph.D. 2002 (Public Policy and Administration)

Military Service: None

Career: State Health Agency official; Environmental Health Inspector; fisherman

First Elected: 2007 (3rd full term)

Latest Election: 2012 General (56.29%)

Political Highlights: Montross Town Council, 1986-96 (Mayor 1992-96); Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors, 1996-2005 (chairman 2004-05); Va. House, 2006-07

Committees:

- Armed Services (Readiness - Chairman; Seapower & Projection Forces)
- Natural Resources (Energy & Mineral Resources; Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans & Insular Affairs)

Wittman's two main priorities are: preserving the Chesapeake Bay and protecting military installations and shipbuilding.

His higher-profile work, however, is on the Armed Services Committee. In 2013, he became the Chairman of the Readiness Subcommittee. Wittman was handed that gavel by fellow Virginia Republican J. Randy Forbes, who now chairs the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee - where Wittman also serves. As the Readiness Chairman, he is charged with studying the Pentagon's ability to handle current and potential military engagements.

He says his goal is to "make sure strategy drives the budget" for defense spending - a sentiment shared by Forbes. At a 2011 hearing, he lamented that "we're constantly reacting to events rather than planning for them."

Enclosure (4)

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While serving as chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee in the 112th Congress (2011-12), Wittman conducted a year-long evaluation of the Navy's 30-year shipbuilding plan; he has expressed the concern that the service simply does not have enough ships to fulfill future missions. "Quantity is a quality all its own," he quipped in 2012. He would like to see faster production of Virginia-class attack submarines and the replacement for the Ohio-class submarine - he views them as crucial as the nation's military focus shifts to the Pacific.

Attempts to reduce military spending have often met his disapproval. In February 2011, he voted against an attempt to reduce funding for an alternative engine to the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. He also opposes further base closings until America restructures its global military strategy - Wittman says a 2005 round of closures and realignments has not achieved projected savings, and at a 2013 hearing he said that eliminating bases because of the overall decrease in active-duty personnel is "shortsighted."

He was pleased when the Obama administration dropped its request to move a Norfolk-based aircraft carrier to a new home base in Florida. Military leaders had suggested that spreading out carriers would hedge risk to the fleet; Wittman and other Virginians questioned the expense and strategic value of such a move, which would have cost the region numerous jobs.

As the Oversight chairman, he attempted to spotlight the return of several former Guantánamo Bay detainees to the battlefield, urging agencies to keep better tabs on prisoners after they are released to other countries. But a 2012 committee report on the topic was harshly criticized by Wittman's ranking member, Democrat Jim Cooper of Tennessee, as a dumbed-down study meant to scare voters and gain partisan advantage.

Wittman's advocacy for the Chesapeake Bay takes place on the Natural Resources Committee. In late 2008, he cheered as blue crab populations were designated a "resource disaster," which resulted in \$20 million in funding to help address the situation. Six months later, he announced reports indicating signs of a recovery. In 2011, the committee approved his bill to require a multi-agency budget for bay restoration activities.

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Joining many Republicans, he supports offshore drilling – even off the coasts of Virginia, as long as environmental considerations are made. And another offshore energy source has piqued his interest: "I think wind energy off of Virginia has tremendous, tremendous potential," he said.

He was born in the District of Columbia in 1959. Eight months later he was adopted and moved to Richmond. His mother was a homemaker before earning a teaching degree. His father, an auditor, often worked in the Northern Neck. Wittman spent summers there working on fishing boats and tomato farms. He attended Benedictine Military Institute, an all-boys military school in Richmond, and was active in student government and the school newspaper. He earned a bachelor's degree in Biology in 1981 from Virginia Tech.

Wittman served on the Montross Town Council for a decade, the last four years as Mayor. In 1995 he was elected to the Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors and then won an election to the Virginia Legislature in 2005. Though he applauds spending to help local projects, he believes Washington needs to "get back to the conservative principles of controlling spending, particularly when it comes to federal earmarks. " Even before House Republicans voluntarily banned the practice in 2010, Wittman requested earmarks only for military construction and certain other defense-related projects.

In December 2007, Wittman won a special election to replace Republican Rep. Jo Ann Davis, who had died of breast cancer.

District Description

The 1st District hugs the western bank of the Potomac River to the Chesapeake Bay, stretching from the southernmost exurban outskirts of Washington, D.C., through the sparsely populated Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula to portions of Hampton Roads. Military bases are scattered throughout the conservative-leaning district, and the southern region is home to historical tourist destinations such as Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown.

Military and government jobs keep the economy of the 1st district relatively stable. Northern counties such as Prince

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William and Stafford continue to grow as white-collar Washington professionals move further from the capital city. The region is also home to research and technology firms and government contractors within commuting distance of both Washington and Richmond. The Williamsburg area is a popular retirement destination.

The 1st district is home to two major military training facilities: Marine Corps Base Quantico in the district's north and the Army's Fort A.P. Hill. Quantico also serves as a research and development center for military communication technology. The main campus of the Marine Corps University is south of Quantico. At its southern edge, the 1st district takes in part of the Hampton Roads region, including a major naval weapons facility. Joint Base Langley-Eustis and Newport News' shipyards lay just south of the district.

The population centers of the 1st district have grown rapidly in the past decade. Decennial redistricting increased the 1st district's footprint in Prince William County near Manassas, where Hispanic population growth is steady. Redistricting kept this district solidly Republican and removed the city of Newport News, which has a large black population.

Major Industry

Defense, technology, tourism, shipbuilding

Military Bases

Marine Corps Base Quantico, 6,609 military, 11,380 civilian (2012); Fort A.P. Hill (Army), 57 military, 430 civilian; Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division, 10 military, 3,415 civilian (2012); Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, 1,393 military, 689 civilian

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Cities

Newport News (pt.), Fredericksburg, Williamsburg

Notable

Jamestown (1607) was the first permanent English settlement in North America.

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Full Visit Itinerary:
(All times local)

Monday, 16 December 2013

Weather: Washington, DC TBD

Weather: Norfolk, VA TBD

Attire: Business Casual

0800-1300 HASC Staffers visit Huntington Ingalls (CVN-78 and M290 facility walk-through)

1425 Official party arrives USFF CMD
Greeted by: ADM Gortney

1430-1530 USFFC Office Call

1530 USFFC Office call complete.

1535 Office Call with RADM Brian LaRoche, Reserve Deputy CNSL (Location Flag Deck Conference Room)

1635 Office call with RADM LaRoche complete.

Tuesday, 17 December 2013

Weather: Norfolk, VA TBD

Attire: Weather Proof Attire

0730 Official Party arrives at NECC Headquarters
Greeted by: RADM Morneau, Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (COMNECC)

0735-0830 NECC 101 Brief
Briefer: (b)(6) NECC N3

0830-0840 Transit to MDSU2

0840-0940 MDSU, MCM and EOD SOF Demonstration/Display at MDSU2 and Mud Flats
Greeted by: (b)(6) Commodore, EODCRU2

0940-0950 Transit to Coastal Riverine Group 2 (CRG-2) Training Evaluation Unit (TEU)

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0950-1050 CRF Dynamic Demonstration
Greeted by: (b)(6) Commodore, CRG2

1050-1100 Wrap-up Discussion
Farewell by: RADM Morneau, COMNECC

1100-1110 Transit to NSWG-2 from NECC

1110-1200 Naval Special Warfare Group (NSWG-2/4/10) Overview
Briefs

1200-1245 Transit to Naval Special Warfare Development
Group(NSWDG)

1245-1300 Initial meet and greet with key leaders

1300-1345 Lunch at NSWDG Dining Facility with key leaders

1345-1430 NSWDG Command Brief

1445-1600 Human Performance Program Walking Orientation

1600-1615 Transit to Boat launch facility

1615-1715 Combatant Craft Assault (CCA) Orientation Ride (NOTE:
weather and asset availability dependent)

1715-1730 Return transit to NSWDG

1730-1745 Farewell with NSWDG key leaders

1745-1815 Transit to Town Center/Lodging

1815: EOM

Wednesday, 18 December*Weather: Washington, DC TBD**Weather: Virginia Beach, VA TBD**Attire: Business Casual*

0800-0850 Arrive Commander Strike Fighter Wing Atlantic
(CSFWL) NAS Oceana
Greeted by: (b)(6) CO CSFWL

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0850-0900 Transit to F/A-18 Simulator

0900-0950 F/A-18 Simulator

0950-1000 Transit CAG-1

1000-1040 Carrier Air Wing ONE Brief (b)(6) Carrier Air
Wing ONE
Greeted By: (b)(6) (CAG)

1040-1045 Transit to Fleet Readiness Center

1045-1230 Fleet Readiness Center Atlantic tour
Greeted by: (b)(6) (CO)

1230 Depart NAS Oceana for Washington, DC

MISSION COMPLETE.